(c) if not ,what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) There are approximately 250 high rise buildings in the Capital.

(b) The buildings constructed post 1983 in conformity with the Unified Building Bye Laws are equipped with fire safety. The buildings constructed prior to 1983 have been found generally deficient in this respect.

(c) The Fire Advisory Committee of experts constituted by Delhi Administration has already been directed to inspect all the highrise buildings in Delhi for assessing the existing fire safety arrangements and also for recommending its further augmentation in a time-bound manner. Legislation is under consideration which will enable Government to strictly enforce fire prevention and fire safety measures against owners of all buildings in the U.T. of Delhi.

Allotment of Land to Co-operative Credit Society, CMERI, Durgapur

372. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the initiation by Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute Co-operative Credit Society for lands for Asansol Durgapur Development Authority for house buildings purposes to the membes of the Society was stopped by the Director, CMERI in 1982-83;

(b) whether during the same period letters were issued by the Director, CMERI to ADDA for allotting lands for the same purpose to a handful of persons; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) In his capacity as its Chairman, the Director, CMERI barred collection of funds by the Secretary of the Cooperative Credit Society for setting up a Housing Cooperative Society since there was no consent from the Board of Directors of that Society.

(b) and (c) Some applications by groups of staff who had formed individual Cooperative Housing Societies, were forwarded to Asansol-Durgapur Development Authority by the Director for consideration. The consent of the Board of Directors was not needed in their cases.

President's assent to the Tripura Educational Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 1984

373. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripura Government forwarded the Tripura Educational Institutions (Acquisition of Right, Title and Interest) Amendment Bill, 1984 to the Central Government for the assent of the President of India;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) by when the Bill is likely to be assented; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in according assent?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Bill has already been assented to by the President on 24-1-1986.

Selection of stenographers by CMERI, Durgapur

374. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the first Selection Board consisting of one outside member of Regional Engneering College, Durgapur, for selecting fresh stenographers for Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur in 1984 were overruled and a second board was constituted;

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor; and